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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Review of the Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly decision 51/415 of 10 December 1996.

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 October 1997, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 62 to 82, which was held at the 3rd to 12th meetings, from 13 to 17 and from 20 to 24 October (see A/C.1/52/PV.3-12). Structured discussions of specific subjects on the adopted thematic approach were held at six informal meetings from 27 to 31 October 1997. Draft resolutions on the items were considered at the 15th to 17th meetings, from 5 to 7 November (see A/C.1/52/PV.15-17); action was taken on them at the 18th to 24th meetings, from 10 to 14 and on 17 November (see A/C.1/52/PV.18-24).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 7 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final declarations adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of

the Islamic Conference at the extraordinary session, held at Islamabad on 23 March 1997 (A/51/915-S/1997/433);

(b) Letter dated 15 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Central African Republic by the European Union (A/52/62-S/1997/69);

(c) Letter dated 7 February 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Angolan peace process by the European Union (A/52/75);

(d) Letter dated 14 February 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Central African Republic by the European Union (A/52/77-S/1997/132);

(e) Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on Zaire by the European Union (A/52/118-S/1997/325);

(f) Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on Angola by the European Union (A/52/119-S/1997/326);

(g) Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran by the European Union (A/52/120);

(h) Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on relations between Peru and Ecuador by the European Union (A/52/121);

(i) Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on Sri Lanka by the European Union (A/52/122);

(j) Letter dated 16 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/123-S/1997/331);

(k) Letter dated 25 April 1997 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/126);

(l) Letter dated 16 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on Moldova-Transdniestria by the European Union (A/52/140);

(m) Letter dated 23 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement by the European Union on the Turkish incursion into Iraq (A/52/157);

(n) Letter dated 23 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Chechnya peace accord by the European Union (A/52/158);

(o) Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement by the European Union on the transfer of power in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/52/164-S/1997/422);

(p) Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on Sierra Leone by the European Union (A/52/165-S/1997/423);

(q) Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Korean Peninsula by the European Union (A/52/169);

(r) Letter dated 6 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement by the European Union on the signature of the Treaty of Friendship and Good Cooperation between Romania and Ukraine (A/52/177);

(s) Letter dated 9 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement by the European Union on the signature of the political treaty between the Russian Federation and Ukraine (A/52/178);

(t) Letter dated 2 July 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Congo by the European Union (A/52/223);

(u) Letter dated 10 July 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on Cambodia by the Chairman of the Association of South-East Asian Nations Standing Committee (A/52/226-S/1997/541);

(v) Letter dated 1 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegations of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, held in New York on 25 September 1997 (A/52/447-S/1997/775).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.1/52/L.13

5. At the 16th meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, introduced a draft decision, entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/C.1/52/L.13), which was later also sponsored by Costa Rica.

6. At its 21st meeting, on 12 November, the First Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/52/L.13 by a recorded vote of 96 to 0, with 48 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:[1]

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

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[1] Subsequently the delegation of Jordan indicated that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".